

MANUFACTURERS WILL THRESH OUT

Question of Wastage of Gas at
By-Products Plant in
Alton Park.

WILL MEET TOMORROW

DeFrese and Wilkerson Make
Statements as to the Situ-
ation Developed.

Gas troubles in Chattanooga will be probed and the differences perhaps conciliated, Thursday afternoon at one o'clock at a meeting of the Manufacturers Association, in which gas wastage and gas rates will be discussed. The whole gas situation is merely the inherent antagonism of two different points of view as will be explained later.

The facts of the wastage is this. The Chattanooga Coke and Gas Company contracted its entire gas supply to the Chattanooga Gas Company at fifteen cents per thousand, for what gas the Chattanooga Gas Company could use. As the Coke company is now manufacturing more gas than the Gas company can use, a part of this gas is "allowed to escape in the air."

The fuel administrator, W. E. Wilkerson, characterizes this waste as shameful, and declares it must be stopped.

S. E. DeFrese, of the Chattanooga Gas Company, explains the wastage as an unfortunate and unavoidable account of lack of storage facilities. He

said he had just been in Washington, and was proceeding under instructions of the fuel administration. He said he was endeavoring to find customers for the waste gas, was offering a very low rate for use under boilers.

Mr. DeFrese said that the Gas Company stands ready to furnish gas to all consumers, within the limit of its supply at a rate that will compete with hard fuel.

The Gas Company has advertised for gas customers. It stands ready to meet the consumer. The Company cannot compel anyone to use gas, said the manager. If the gas is not used, it will have to be allowed to escape.

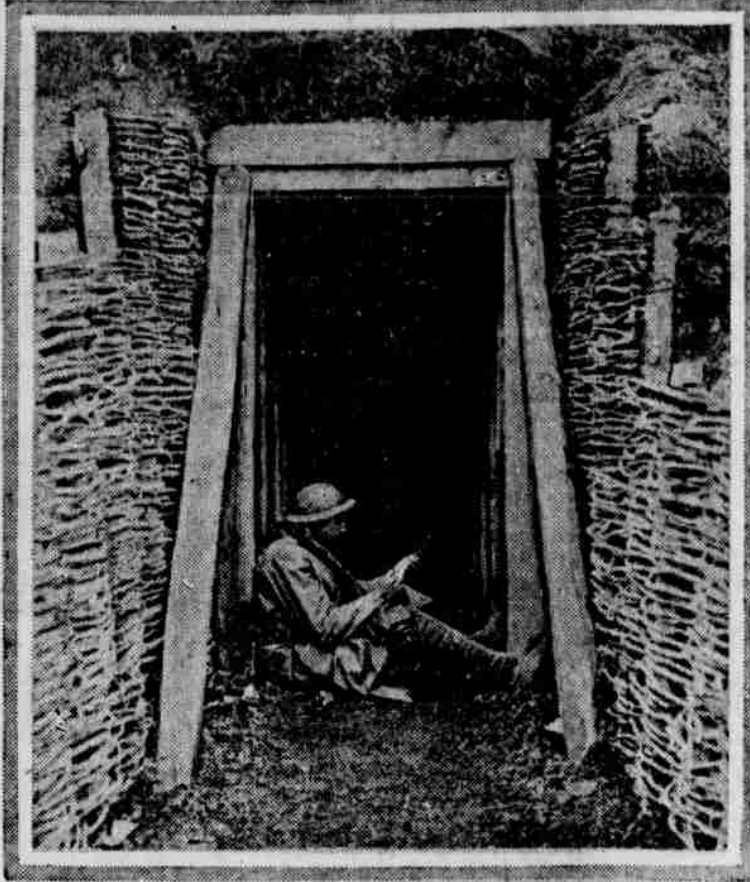
"The wastage of 2,000,000 feet of gas per day is an overstatement," said Mr. DeFrese, "the wastage is not more than 500,000 feet on any day, usually much less. Moreover, during the first part of June, the Coke Company did not supply us enough gas for our use. This was on account of a shortage of coal. Our storage facilities are large, but we cannot take all the waste."

Variable Coal Supply.
"Shortage of coal forms a large factor in the gas problem. The uncertainty in the supply of the Coke Company's coal is a serious proposition. We cannot prepare to take care of huge quantities of gas at one time and have the supply slack at another. The overhead expense would be prohibitory."

"The Coke Company has been obviating this difficulty to a great extent by using surplus gas under its own boilers, using it is estimated about a million cubic feet a day."

"Considerable comment has been occasioned by the apparent low price of gas made by my company by the Coke company. Their rate of fifteen cents is not even more than what it cost us to prepare our own gas out of our own coal. The cost of gas is not so much the cost of the raw material as is the cost of overhead, i. e. our tanks, pipes, pumps, etc., interest on investment and overhead expense. The apparent profit between 15-cent gas furnished to us and the 70-cent gas which we propose to furnish to the manufacturers is more apparent than

AMERICAN ARTILLERYMAN RESTING IN BOMB-PROOF SHELTER AT FRONT



AMERICAN RESTING IN BOMB-PROOF DUGOUT.
Sketches by Public Information, Bureau of War.

An American artilleryman sitting in the door of his bomb-proof shelter at the front. (Readers of this newspaper who wish a photographic copy of this picture may obtain it by sending 10 cents to the Division of Pictures, Committee on Public Information, Washington, D. C. Enclose this clipping.)

read.

His Patriotism.

"In regard to my patriotism being impugned," continued Mr. DeFrese, "The fuel administrator in Washington told me that when we could show a manufacturer it was a commercial proposition for him to use gas instead of hard fuel; and that when we could meet the price of hard fuel or show to the user a saving by his using gas instead of hard fuel, then we had done our duty."

"The people should use gas instead of coal. Chattanooga folk do not realize the seriousness of the coal situation. All people should use gas and aid the fuel administration by saving coal. There is not a coal range or a coal stove burned in Chattanooga whose owner is not defeating the purpose of the government. Gas will save the consumer money and release coal to the government."

"However, we are distributors, if we cannot sell our product, it is not our fault. It is here for the consumer and the patriot."

Mr. DeFrese continued that rather than have gas go to waste he would undertake to furnish some steam-boilers at a sacrifice price if it is understood that his company would be allowed to shut off the gas from the boilers in case the gas company found a more profitable market.

Fuel Administrator's View.

In an interview, Fuel Administrator W. E. Wilkerson completely brushed aside the individualistic view propounded by Mr. DeFrese and considered the gas situation from a purely social standpoint.

"The wastage of gas for any reason in critical times such as these," stated the fuel administrator, "cannot be tolerated." The manufacturers of Chattanooga have expressed themselves as willing to use gas if they could get it on reasonable terms. Manufacturers have been calling me up all morning to ask about the gas situation. Among probable users of gas are the Glass company, American Manufacturing company, Brock Candy company, Newell Sanders Plow company, Chattanooga Plow company, Lucey Manufacturing company. Gentlemen representing these firms and other members of the Manufacturers' association will meet tomorrow at 1 p.m. to consider the gas situation. Mr. DeFrese will be invited. I believe these business men must be able to get together on this proposition without much friction, but if they do not they will be put together."

When asked what he meant by this, Mr. Wilkerson said the government would not allow gas wastage to go on in Chattanooga under the present circumstances. In this time of stress, each man is but the steward of the property which happens to be under his control. It is not for him to waste it is for him to use. If he cannot use it, it will be used for him."

When asked as to what would be the probable procedure to force cooperation between the gas company and the manufacturers, the fuel administrator stated, that a fuel official would probably be sent from Washington to take control of the surplus gas from the coke company and it would be prorated among the consumers. Answering the question as to whether this would not be an infringement of the gas company's contract with the coke company, Attorney Wilkerson answered sharply:

"Contracts? There are no contracts today. No contract that can be framed will hold when it contemplates a waste of fuel. One might as well talk about a contract to murder!"

"Now as to the question what sort of settlement the government would make in regard to the situation if it were compelled to take control," went on Mr. Wilkerson, "the settlement would no doubt award to the Chattanooga Gas company a reasonable profit on the gas it handles. That will be all. If the difference between what the gas company pays for its gas and what it sells it for be a reasonable profit, then it will allow the rate to stand, if not it will be lowered."

FAREWELL CONCERT BY 52ND INFANTRY BAND

The Fifty-second Infantry band will give a full concert at the First Christian church tonight. This popular band will soon leave the park as the regiment to which it is attached is preparing to leave, and the concert tonight will be the band's last appearance before a Chattanooga audience. The following program will be presented:

March—National emblem.
Selection—"Bohemian Girl" (Lamartine).
Characteristic—"Trumpeter on Guard" (Neske).
Vocal Solo—Selected, Musician Cusick.
Serenade—"A Night in June" (Kling).
Sextet—"From Lucia" (Dorritt).

TAUT NERVES OF PARIS RELAX; NO PERTURBATION OVER HUN THREAT

To Subject French Capital to Intense Bombardment—Italian Victories Occasion Keen Delight.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, June 19.—News of the Austrian repulse on the Italian front, the comparative quiet on the French and British lines, silence on the part of the long range guns, for six days, and the inability of the Goths to cross the terrific defensive barrage in their last three attempts to reach Paris, only one German having succeeded in flying over the city, have caused the taut nerves of Paris to relax. The city has assumed an appearance nearer that of before the war than at any time since the opening of hostilities.

With the Germans fifty miles from Paris, the sole topic of conversation is the victorious stand the Italian armies are making and their successful counter attacks which cause keen delight here.

The announcements in the Swiss newspapers attributed to the inspiration of the German general staff, predicting that Paris will be subjected to an intense bombardment within a few days are meeting with cynical comment untinged by any touch of perturbation.

Girl Worker's Attitude.

"The Germans have as much chance to enter Paris as I have to occupy Du Barry's apartments or the Versailles Chateau," was the remark of a girl worker, which gives an indication of the temper of the rank and file.

"But, if the Germans should get within bombarding distance of Paris and shell the city, would you go?" the young woman was asked.

"Yes, go to work as usual," she replied.

A somewhat different view of eventualities is taken by Luis Peuch, a Paris deputy who is taking a prominent part in the work of the committee of deputies for the defense of Paris. He writes to the *Matin* advocating the taking of certain precautionary measures.

"The capital is no more threatened today than it was three months ago," says the deputy in his article. Nobody questions the solidity of the front nor fears a fresh withdrawal. But we must exercise foresight which we too often have failed to do in the past."

M. Peuch argues that guns with a greatly increased range may some day hold Paris and its suburbs under fire, when panic and serious disorders might develop among the millions of inhabitants, while there would certainly be a considerable destruction of supplies and valuables in the city, the ma-

terial wealth of which runs into many billions.

Exodus Would Be General.

The exodus from Paris would immediately become general if Paris became the target for an intense bombardment, the deputy predicts, and it has been decided in that event to make transportation available for every one and to extend it without cost to those unable to pay. Persons to the number of fifty thousand could be taken out daily under this plan and measures have been taken to raise the number to one hundred and fifty thousand daily in case of emergency. The accumulated wealth of the capital, the deputy adds, would be removed progressively. All things affecting the national interest otherwise, such as art collections, private property, raw materials, tools, and merchandise would follow.

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